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Letter dated 19 November 2007 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

Annexed hereto is the work programme for the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), which covers the period from 1 July to 31 December 2007 (see annex).

The activities of the Committee will proceed in compliance with the provisions of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1535 (2004), 1566 (2004) and 1624 (2005).

The Committee will continue to monitor Member States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), guided by the principles of cooperation, transparency, equal treatment and consistency in approach. The Committee will remain focused on promoting States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and on taking practical measures designed to enhance the counter-terrorism capacity of States. In addition, the Committee will report to the Council on how States have implemented resolution 1624 (2005).

The Counter-Terrorism Committee welcomes the support it has received from the Member States, the United Nations Secretariat and international, regional and subregional organizations and appreciates the contribution by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007

Introduction

1. In accordance with resolution 1373 (2001), the Counter-Terrorism Committee has as its mandate to promote and monitor States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

2. In December 2006, the Security Council undertook the comprehensive review of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate in accordance with its decision of 21 December 2005 (see S/PRST/2005/64). The Council endorsed the Counter-Terrorism Committee's review report (S/2006/989) which, together with the statement by the President of the Security Council of 20 December 2006 (S/PRST/2006/56), provided guidance for the future work of the Committee and the Executive Directorate, in particular the following:

- The guiding principles of the work of the Committee are cooperation, transparency and even-handedness, as well as consistency in approach.
- The Committee shall continue to strengthen its relations with international, regional and subregional organizations in promoting and assisting States in the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).
- The Committee shall work on identifying and promoting best practices in all key areas of resolution 1373 (2001).
- The Committee shall ensure that any measures taken by States to combat terrorism comply with all their obligations under international law, in particular human rights law, refugee law and humanitarian law.
- The Committee shall attach great importance to coordination with experts from other counter-terrorism-related Security Council subsidiary bodies in preparing visits and in streamlining reporting.
- The Committee shall play its part in the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (General Assembly resolution 60/288).
- In the fulfilment of its mandate, the Committee is assisted by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, under the policy guidance of the Plenary. In this regard, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate will implement the policy guidance of the Committee through its seventh work programme (see appendix).

3. The Committee will focus its work on the three priority objectives below:

Monitoring and promoting the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001)

4. The Committee, on the basis of initial assessments by its subcommittees, will continue to consider the preliminary implementation assessments and approve, where appropriate, recommendations prepared by the Executive Directorate and send them to all Member States concerned for appropriate action, in accordance

with the procedures for the Counter-Terrorism Committee's updated working methods.

5. On the basis of the global analysis prepared by the Executive Directorate, the Committee will consider the status of implementation by all States of resolution 1373 (2001), including detected gaps of particular concern, and elaborate possible additional measures to enhance implementation. Subsequently, the Committee will brief the Security Council on the results of its consideration of this item.

6. In addition, at the end of the year, on the basis of an updated and further detailed analysis prepared by the Executive Directorate, the Committee will reassess the status of implementation by all States of resolution 1373 (2001). This assessment will assist the Committee in preparing a more focused workplan for 2008. The Committee will report to the Security Council on the status of the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

7. The Committee will begin discussion on a proposal for a technical guide to resolution 1373 (2001), to be prepared by the Executive Directorate, that would set out the requirements and necessary steps for implementing the provisions of the resolution and the standards for measuring States' implementation of the resolution.

8. In close cooperation with the 1267 (1999) and 1540 (2004) Committees and consistent with its mandate, the Committee will pay special attention to those States which are late in submitting relevant information to it and discuss how best to address the issue.

9. The Committee will also continue to reflect on additional ways to address the case of States that do not meet the requirements of resolution 1373 (2001).

10. The Committee will continue discussions and take steps to ensure that visits to States upon their consent lead to enhancing the States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and assess the results of such visits and consider proper follow-up. Furthermore, the Committee will consider a discussion on updating the current framework document, drawing on lessons learned and focusing on the selection of countries to visit, and the preparation and follow-up to such visits.

11. In order to enhance transparency, the Chairman of the Committee will hold periodic informal briefings, as appropriate, for Member States on the work of the Committee.

Facilitating technical assistance to States in a twofold and proactive way

12. The Committee will complete preparation of its fifth special meeting with international, regional and subregional organizations.

13. The Committee will conduct thematic discussions on strengthening efforts to limit terrorists' mobility with the participation of experts from all of the relevant technical international organizations before the fifth special meeting.

14. The Committee will further develop the practice of holding informal forums targeting present and potential donors/providers in order to strengthen relations with the donor community.

Maintaining dialogue with States on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005)

15. On the basis of reports from Member States, the Committee will report to the Council on how States have implemented resolution 1624 (2005). Furthermore, the Committee will continue to encourage States that have still not reported on their implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) to do so.

16. On the basis of the reports received so far from States and of the information gathered during visits, the Committee will initiate a discussion to explore the needs of States for technical assistance in the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) and will aim to facilitate the provision of such assistance as appropriate.

Appendix

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007

Introduction

1. The present document sets out the seventh work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2007. It was prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the report of the Committee on its revitalization (S/2004/124) and takes into account the additional tasks assigned to the Executive Directorate by the Committee in its review report (S/2006/989) and the twenty-second work programme of the Committee. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in achieving concrete results in the areas defined in its work programme and will respond to any additional requests made during the reporting period.

Monitoring and promoting the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)

2. The Executive Directorate will continue to assist the Committee and the subcommittees in the consideration and approval of the preliminary implementation assessments.

3. The Executive Directorate will prepare a proposal for a technical guide to Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) that would set out the requirements and steps for implementing the provisions of the resolution.

4. In addition, by the end of 2007, the Executive Directorate will prepare an updated, detailed analysis of the status of implementation by all States of resolution 1373 (2001) in order to assist the Committee in its work.

5. In close cooperation with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, the Executive Directorate will prepare and conduct visits to some of the Member States that have been approved by the Committee. It will enhance its cooperation with the Counter-Terrorism Action Group, relevant United Nations bodies, including the Monitoring Team of the 1267 (1999) Committee and the Expert Group of the 1540 (2004) Committee, other international organizations, and regional and subregional organizations, in the context of the Committee's visits.

6. The Executive Directorate will continue to update the Committee regularly on follow-up to its previous visits to Member States.

7. The Executive Directorate will report regularly to the Committee on implementation of the common strategy for non-reporting/late reporting States prepared together with the two expert teams of the counter-terrorism-related Security Council subsidiary bodies.

8. The Executive Directorate, in cooperation with the two expert teams and the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime will organize a workshop for Central and Western African countries on the drafting of reports, scheduled for the end of September 2007 in Dakar. In cooperation with the above partners and the Southern African Development Community, it will organize a workshop for southern African countries, to be held at the end of November 2007 in Gaborone.

Facilitating technical assistance to States

9. The Executive Directorate will continue its work to facilitate technical assistance to States in accordance with the 2007 implementation action plan for fulfilling the Committee's policy guidance on facilitation of technical assistance and will continue to report regularly to the Committee on progress made in this regard.

10. The Executive Directorate will complete by December 2007 the technical assistance matrix posted on the website to include all the relevant subregions of the world in need of assistance. The Executive Directorate will establish a password protection system for access to different parts of the matrix. The directory of assistance by donors/providers will also be regularly updated.

11. The Executive Directorate will further develop the practice of holding informal forums targeting present and potential donors/providers, to strengthen relations with the donor community in that regard. The Executive Directorate will organize an informal forum for West African Member States and potential donors and providers in July 2007, and develop a follow-up action plan.

12. The Executive Directorate will continue to work on identifying, posting on the website and actively promoting best practices in all key areas of resolution 1373 (2001), in accordance with the action plan approved by the Committee, and will regularly provide progress reports.

13. Under the guidance of the Committee, the Executive Directorate will organize logistics for the fifth special meeting with international, regional and subregional organizations, to take place from 29 to 31 October 2007 in Nairobi, Kenya, and will seek extrabudgetary financing for the meeting.

14. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in the preparation and conduct of thematic discussions on strengthening efforts to limit terrorists' mobility, with the participation of experts from all the relevant technical international organizations, prior to the holding of the Committee's fifth special meeting.

15. The Executive Directorate will enhance cooperation with a number of regional and subregional organizations in Africa and Asia, in particular those prioritized by the Committee, in order to assist them in preparing and/or implementing relevant counter-terrorism action plans and in addressing other capacity-building needs.

Implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005)

16. The Executive Directorate will present, in July 2007, for the Committee's consideration, a second report for the Security Council on implementation of its resolution 1624 (2005), based on responses received from Member States. It will continue including the issue of implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) in its dialogue with States and will actively encourage those States that have not yet submitted a 1624 (2005) report, to do so.

Administrative activities

17. The Executive Directorate will develop a system of maintaining the password protection system to secure the confidentiality of the information provided in the technical assistance matrix posted on the website.

18. The Executive Directorate will undertake the administrative, financial and logistical preparatory work for holding the Committee's fifth special meeting.

19. The Executive Directorate will prepare a budget proposal for the Executive Directorate as a special political mission in 2008, without prejudice to a future decision by the Security Council to extend its mandate. The budget will provide resources for the conduct of all mandated activities in accordance with relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions. In particular, the budget will provide for completion of all visits of the Executive Directorate to those Member States approved by the Committee in 2006 and not visited in 2007. In addition, the Executive Directorate will seek financing necessary to conduct two informal meetings with donors/providers and regional Member States seeking technical assistance. In accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations the Executive Directorate will also prepare logical frameworks to accompany its budget submission, in conformity with results-based budgeting, to ensure that programmatic aspects of the budget and the resources requested are consistent with its mandates from the Security Council and the General Assembly. The budget proposal will be open to amendment until the General Assembly begins its consideration of a budget resolution for 2008 in its Fifth Committee. Any decisions of the Security Council or of the Committee that may be taken after adoption of the budget for the Executive Directorate that have budgetary implications could be presented to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subsequently submitted to a resumed session of the Fifth Committee in March 2008.

Other activities

20. Under the guidance of the Committee, the Executive Directorate will fulfil its mandate in conformity with that of the Security Council and its Committee to implement the relevant parts of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (General Assembly resolution 60/288). In this context, it will continue to participate in the work of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force.

21. The Executive Directorate will prepare its sixth semi-annual report for the Committee, covering the period of this work programme.

22. The Executive Directorate will continue to inform the Committee about its work on a monthly basis, in accordance with the report of the Committee on its revitalization (S/2004/124).

23. The Executive Directorate will continue to ensure follow-up to the Committee's decisions and to implement them.

24. The Executive Directorate will continue to implement the communications strategy approved by the Committee and will adjust the implementation plan, when appropriate, as well as report on progress made in meeting its expected goals.